

City Manager's Weekly Update



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Executive Summary

Belmont's Solid Waste/Recycling Rates Recommended to be reduced Jan. 1, 2015

The Belmont City Council will hold a public hearing on November 25th to adopt solid waste rates for residential and commercial customers for the calendar year 2015 - the good news is the rates are recommended to go down an average of 4.51%.

In September the City Council reviewed Recology's 2015 rate application, and set a Public Hearing date for November 25, 2014. During that review, it was noted that the rates as shown in that public presentation would likely be lower than presented during that meeting since the City was working with Recology to resolve a reporting error on the City's tonnage reports. Since that time, the tonnage report was corrected, but also the parties noted that the prior year's migration recovery surcharge needed to be "reversed" or removed from the City's rates.

In summary, for 2015 the City's solid waste rates will not be increased, but rather, reduced by an overall 4.51%. This reduction in rates will affect both the residential and commercial solid waste rates. Prior to these changes, the proposed adjustment to rates was an increase of 2.77%.

The proposed reduction in the solid waste rates has created a unique opportunity for the City to make adjustments between the residential cart sizes. Assembly Bill 939, passed in 1989, established aggressive requirements to encourage diversion of solid waste from landfills by implementing recycling and other waste programs. Since the passage of AB 939, State lawmakers have continued to examine statewide disposal and recycling efforts. Given that, the policy objective of encouraging reduction in waste and the use of smaller cart sizes remain relevant for purposes of setting rates.

On October 28th the City Council considered several options on how to set the 2015 Solid Waste Rates while meeting the revenue requirements. Four (4) different residential rate options were considered by the Council and they ultimately selected an option which balances the pricing structure such that the pricing of the carts remains graduated, but reduces the differential between the smallest and largest carts.

Existing and proposed 2015 (*in parentheses*) monthly residential rates are as follows:

- 20 Gallon Cart, \$21.61 (\$21.00)
- 32 Gallon Cart, \$35.79 (\$34.86)
- 64 Gallon Cart, \$78.86 (\$71.03)
- 96 Gallon Cart, \$127.49 (\$111.30)

Information on rates and program information including service level options can be found at www.belmont.gov

Coffee with a Cop

Join the Belmont Chamber of Commerce and the Belmont Police for a cup of coffee on Tuesday, November 4th at Doc's Bagels. Officers will be on hand to address questions and concerns, or just stop by and say hello.

Belmont Chamber's Breakfast Speakers Series - Belmont's City Manager

The next breakfast in the series is November 5th 7:30—9:00 am, Café Bliss Restaurant, located at 2039 Ralston Avenue.

Presentation and no-host breakfast followed by public Q & A session. Co-sponsored by Belmont Chamber of Commerce & Carlmont Village Shopping Center Merchants Association



Daylight Savings Time - Fall Back on Sunday, November 2nd

Don't forget to change your clocks and change your batteries in your smoke detectors. Read more below.

Public Works Welcomes New Employee

Belmont Public Works would like to welcome Chris Leggett to the City of Belmont.

Chris comes to the City with 16 years of extensive experience as a sweeper operator from the City of Palo Alto.

Public Works Maintenance Operations is happy to have Chris aboard as the new Street Sweeper Operator he will be a great asset to the City.

Have a happy and safe Halloween.



2035 General Plan Update – New Website Available

The General Plan is the City's primary guide for development, housing, transportation, environmental quality, public services, and parks and open spaces. It is a collaborative effort between the City and its residents to create a vision and a blueprint for development through 2035. Residents have the opportunity to get involved at all stages of the planning process, from the initial visioning and exploration of plan alternatives to the selection of the Preferred Plan and review of its accompanying Environmental Impact Report.

The General Plan update process is anticipated to be complete by late 2015. At that time, the City will have comprehensively updated its General Plan and prepared an accompanying Environmental Impact Report. A 2035 General Plan Website is up and running and can be found on the City's Home Page or by clicking [here](#). Below is an initial newsletter sent to all Belmont postal customers.

HOW IS THE GENERAL PLAN USED?

The General Plan will:

- › Establish a long-range vision for Belmont and outline steps to achieve this vision;
- › Establish development policies that guide City Council and Planning Commission decision-making;
- › Provide a basis for judging whether new development projects align with Plan policies; and
- › Allow City departments, other public agencies, and private developers to design projects that enhance the character of the community.

WHAT'S INSIDE THE GENERAL PLAN?

The General Plan covers the following topics:

- › Land Use
- › Belmont Village
- › Circulation
- › Housing
- › Conservation and Open Space
- › Noise
- › Safety
- › Implementation

Get Involved!

A successful General Plan reflects the goals and values of the community. That's why we're committed to involving residents, workers, and business owners at all stages of the update process: from initial visioning and exploration of plan alternatives to the selection of a preferred plan and review of the final document. We look forward to your thoughtful participation so that the General Plan can best serve the community's needs, starting with the upcoming community workshop on November 12th. We hope that you will attend and make a contribution!

SHARE YOUR VISION!

Become a part of the process and make your voice heard!

Attend Community Workshop #1:

- › What do you love about Belmont?
- › What would you like to see change?
- › What's your vision for Belmont in 20 years?

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 - 6pm to 8pm

Location: City Hall, 2nd Floor EOC Meeting Room

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

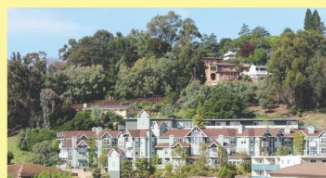
<http://belmont-2035generalplan.com>.



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City of Belmont

General Plan Update



The City of Belmont: Today and Tomorrow

Incorporated in 1926 in the heart of the San Francisco Peninsula, the City of Belmont is known for its wooded hills, views of the San Francisco Bay, and stretches of open space. Combined with its distinctive community character and small-town ambiance, it's easy to see what makes Belmont such a great place to live, work, and play.

Recently, we initiated an exciting, collaborative project to plan the future of our city – the General Plan Update – to ensure the continuation of Belmont's livable character for future generations. The General Plan is our primary guide for development, housing, transportation, environmental quality, and parks and open spaces. The current General Plan dates back to 1982, and new opportunities, challenges, and approaches have emerged in recent years.

What will the next 20 years hold for Belmont? How will we retain Belmont's positive qualities, set the bar high for new development and public services, and revitalize the Downtown? We now have the chance to build on Belmont's assets and create a framework for the future. Working with the community, we will create a long-term vision for Belmont and a roadmap to get there. You have the opportunity to help create the vision and principles that will guide this important process.

What is the General Plan?

The General Plan is the guide for the future social, physical, and economic development of the City. It is a long-term document consisting of written text and diagrams that expresses how a community should develop, and it is a key tool for influencing the quality of life. It specifies locations for new businesses and residences, roads, parks, and other public infrastructure. The plan is a basis for land use decision-making used by policymakers such as the Planning Commission and the City Council.

All cities and counties in California are required by law to have general plans. State law requires that a general plan contain at least seven mandated chapters, or "elements": Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. The City of Belmont's General Plan will also include a Belmont Village Plan for the Downtown.

The General Plan will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as required by State law. The EIR ensures that environmental opportunities and constraints are identified and incorporated into the planning process, and identifies policies that can mitigate any adverse environmental effects of other aspects of the plan. The EIR includes a public process as well, and we invite your participation and input during this stage of the planning effort.

Why is the Plan Being Updated?

Belmont's current General Plan was adopted in 1982, and needs to be comprehensively reexamined to ensure that it reflects the city's goals and priorities for the next 20 years. Many of the objectives of the existing General Plan have been met, and new opportunities and challenges have arisen. We need a new plan to manage Belmont's future growth, revitalize Downtown, attract high quality businesses and jobs, protect natural resources, promote high quality design of buildings and public spaces, and maintain public safety and municipal services – all of which contribute to the quality of life that residents have come to expect.

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For more information or to sign up for email updates, visit the project website at <http://belmont-2035generalplan.com>.

Peninsula Firefighter's Burn Relay Comes to Belmont!!!

On Tuesday, October 28th First Responders from all over the Bay Area converged at Belmont City Hall as part of the 2014 Peninsula Firefighter's Burn Relay. This annual event, which begins in San Jose and ends in San Francisco, involves participants making stops at a number of locations along the Peninsula to collect funds to benefit the Alisha Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. Representatives from the Belmont Firefighters Association presented a check for \$750 toward this very worthy cause. Their donation will pay for a child to attend Champ Camp, a week-long residential summer camp for burn survivors, ages 5-16 years.



At age 8, Alisha Ann Ruch was fatally injured in a backyard barbeque accident. In 1971, her parents partnered with Southern California firefighters to establish the foundation, a non-profit organization. The foundation works with hospitals, fire departments, safety coalitions and other organizations across California to develop innovative programs and services. Burn Prevention

education is key in avoiding agonizing burn injuries and survivor services are paramount to improving the quality of life for courageous burn survivors.

**Remember your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Checks this Weekend!!!**

With the need to turn your clocks back one hour this Sunday, November 2nd, the Belmont Fire Department wants to remind everyone to be sure to change the batteries in both your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout your homes. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), two-thirds of home fire deaths in the United States result from fires in homes without a working smoke alarm. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are one of the cheapest ways to protect your family in the event of a fire or accidental release of carbon monoxide gas.

This protection is only possible when these units are kept in proper working order, and when everyone in your family knows what each of them sounds like and how family members should respond.

Every month, you should test each detector to make sure they are working properly. Simply press the test button located on the face of each unit and wait for the beep. Every six months, conveniently when you change the clocks in your home, change the batteries in both types of detectors.

For more information on how to install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, [click here](#) and for any further questions, please contact the Fire Department at (650) 595-7492.



Fire Fighters Give Lifesaving Tips for Halloween

By making small adjustments to costume and decoration choices on Halloween, danger and risk to public safety is easily decreased.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, the United States sees an overall increase in fires on Halloween caused by open flames, and the arson fire rate is 10 percent higher than on any other day with 15,500 fires and \$92 million in property loss per year.

To ensure a safe and happy Halloween, The Belmont Fire Department offers the following tips:

- Cross streets at the intersection and look both ways before crossing.
- Use battery operated lights, not candles, to decorate walkways. Always keep candles, matches and lighters in a place that children cannot reach. This will make it much safer for trick-or-treaters and decrease the chance of an open flame fire.
- Keep children, costumes and decorations away from open flames and heat sources. Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable.
- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Make sure they are certified by a recognized organization like the Underwriters' Laboratory, Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or the Underwriters' Laboratory of Canada (ULC). Do not overload extension cords. Indoor and outdoor decorative lights can be fire hazards.
- Choose costumes that are flame resistant, comfortable, and easy to walk in and see.
- Pick brightly colored costumes that can be clearly seen by motorists. Add reflective tape to the costume to increase visibility.

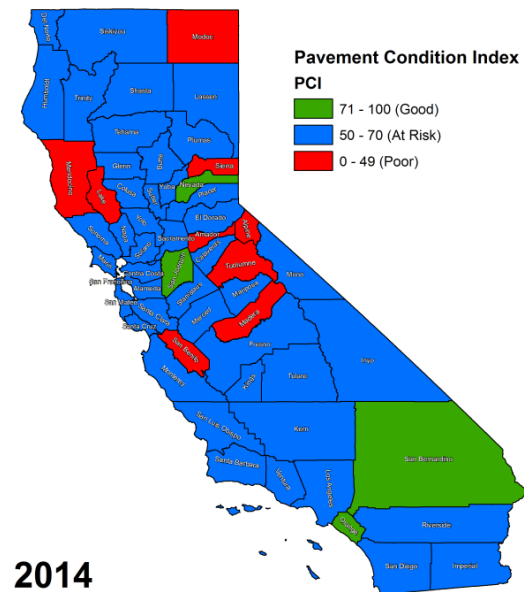


Please call 9-1-1 for the help from your local fire fighters in the case of a fire or emergency.

Belmont's Firefighters wish you a happy and safe Halloween!

California Local Streets and Roads Update Released

The biennial California Statewide [Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment](#) was released on Oct. 28th and the results are alarming. According to [new data](#) released by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Bay Area cities and counties continue to struggle to maintain their streets and roads in decent condition. The biennial survey confirms pavement conditions are declining and finds that existing funding levels are insufficient to properly fix and/or maintain streets, roads, bridges, sidewalks, storm drains and traffic signs. Deferring this crucial work, the report predicts, will likely double the cost of repairs in the future, and impedes efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants.



The 2014 California Statewide Local Streets & Roads Assessment for the City of Belmont shows a clear choice; we can either pay to fix and maintain our streets and roads now, or pay much more in the future to replace them. According to this report State wide more than twice the current funding level is needed just to maintain current pavement conditions, which are below standard in a majority of California counties/cities. In Belmont that need is almost four times the available funding level. When making this choice, we must also consider public safety. From the moment we step out our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, we are dependent upon local roadways. Police, fire and emergency medical services all need safe reliable roads to react quickly. Repairs to local roadways are more than just fixing potholes; they include improvements for sidewalks, stormwater control, gutters, curb ramps, traffic signs and medians, all of which make our roads safer. All Californians must work together to find ways to fund our local streets and roads, and push state and local governments to establish sustainable transportation revenues. It will make our community, and all of California, a better place to live.

MTC takes a close-up look at the challenges facing streets and roads around the region, from simple wear and tear to persistent funding pressures; and spotlights some of the ways local governments and others are working to meet these challenges. Those interested in a deeper look at the challenges facing the region's local street and road network are invited to view MTC's multimedia piece entitled "[Street Fight: The Ongoing Battle for Better Bay Area Pavement](#)."

Are You Interested in Learning More About the City's Pavement Management Program?

The City is responsible for the repair and maintenance of approximately 70 centerline miles (140 travel lane miles) of streets. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires the City to perform pavement condition surveys every two years as a funding requirement. These surveys are based on the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) which uses a rating system of 0-100 to give an overall indication of the pavement condition. This plan addresses the lifecycle maintenance and rehabilitation of the City street system. The purpose of this plan is to provide the City with a tool to assist in planning roadway improvements by properly matching the maintenance and rehabilitation method with the pavement condition. The Plan goal is to extend the life of the City streets and reduce lifecycle costs. The Pavement Management Plan identifies proposed street maintenance and rehabilitation options, estimated costs in year 2012 construction data, and recommended improvements program.

Based on existing revenues, on average Belmont invests approximately \$360,000 a year on pavement preservation, rehabilitation and reconstruction. This does not include other street related work such as drainage, sidewalks, retaining walls, street lights, traffic signals, signs, etc. Given the existing funding limitations, the Public Works Department has implemented best management practices in our pavement preservation program to stretch available dollars in most effective way. At present the City focuses street maintenance funds on streets that are currently in good condition. Focusing funding on streets that are in the worst condition is often times the least cost effective option. Prioritizing and maintaining the City's best streets extends the lifecycle of the street and reduces deterioration to a condition that requires much more costly rehabilitation. This helps ensure the system as a whole is in the best possible condition and that maintenance funds are being maximized. Additional best management practices involve the following elements:

1. Increasing the amount of crack sealing performed on a yearly basis. Water intrusion is a major destructive element to pavements. Crack sealing is a relatively inexpensive treatment that prevents water from further damaging streets. Filling or sealing pavement cracks can extend the life of a pavement by 3 to 5 years at a minimum. For this reason, Public Works crews have dedicated approximately 20% of their time to crack sealing activities.
2. Targeting maintenance of streets in the "At-Risk" condition. In addition to keeping streets in good condition from deteriorating, attention will be given, to the extent possible, to prevent streets from sub-base failure which can significantly increase the cost of repairs.
3. Where applicable exploring alternative, lower cost treatments for pavements in "Poor" condition. The city has been treating streets in "Poor" condition by grinding and applying thick overlays treatments which can cost upwards of \$29.50/sq. yd. One treatment that was used last summer was pavement patching with a rubberized chip and slurry seal at an estimated cost between \$6.50-\$10.00 sq. yd. Staff will monitor the treatment over the next several years to compare its life extension value against traditional higher cost treatments.

4. Coordinating non pavement street improvements to minimize impacts to pavement. This will entail developing a 5 year list of street candidates for treatment in order to better coordinate work with other city efforts and external utility agencies.

To learn more about the City's pavement management program you can visit our website at <http://www.belmont.gov/city-hall/public-works/infrastructure/streets-and-roads>



Update- 2014 Summer Pavement Maintenance Slurry Seal Project

Construction for the 2014 [Slurry Seal Project](#) is near completion. Restriping is in progress and will be complete by Monday, November 3rd weather permitting. Traffic delays should be anticipated.

Status	Location
Slurry seal is complete	Hiller Street (Between Cambridge St. to north end)
Restriping is scheduled for the week of October 27 th (weather permitting)	Hiller Street (Between Cambridge St. to north end)



Ralston Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

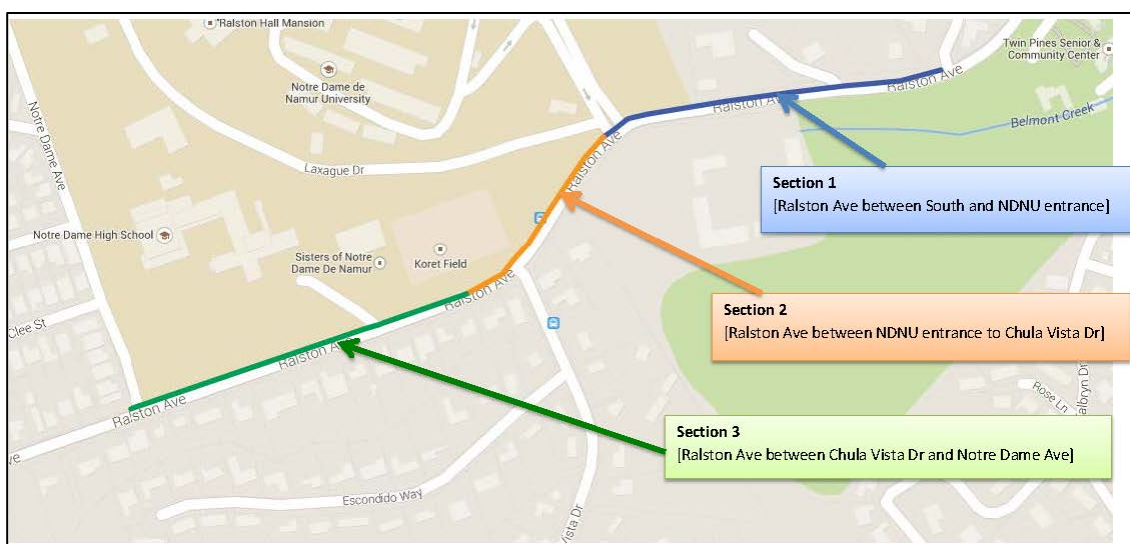
Next week, the City's Contractor, Express Plumbing will begin work on the Ralston Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. The project involves upsizing the existing 15" and 18" sewer mains to a 24" diameter pipe, reconnection of service lateral pipes, various spot repairs and manhole rehabilitation. The contractor will be using trenchless technology by using directional boring as the primary method of construction, but even with this method there needs to be a number of open trench excavations.

The work on sewer main will be divided into three sections. The first section will include excavations and pipe installation on the north side of Ralston Avenue between South Road and the Notre Dame de Namur driveway.

During the course of construction, there will be heavy equipment staging along Ralston Avenue. The center lane or travel lanes will be reduced to one lane in each direction within this project location and there will be an overall impact on traffic circulation in the area. Commuters should anticipate some traffic delays during the construction hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. Weather permitting, the project is anticipated to be complete by mid-December.

Traffic control will be in place. Two lanes on Ralston Avenue will be open at all times. However, due to magnitude of work, commuters shall expect some delays. For additional information, please contact Public Works at 650-595-7425 or visit the [project webpage](#).

Location	
Section 1	Ralston Avenue (Between South Rd and NDNU entrance)
Section 2	Ralston Avenue (Between NDNU entrance to west of Chula Vista Drive)
Section 3	Ralston Avenue (Between west of Chula Vista to Notre Dame Avenue)





Sewer Division



- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 15 service calls
- Daily cleaning of the flushable wipes trap at the Ralston Ranch Pump Station
- Jetted (cleaned) 4,318 feet of sewer main
- Video two new sewer lateral tie-ins

Storm Division

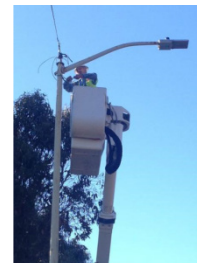


- Swept 83 miles of roadway resulting in the capture of 11.66 tons of debris
- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake dam, dock, roadway, and v-ditch
- Inspected and cleaned 2 Storm Pump Stations
- Jetted (cleaned) 1,200 feet of storm main
- Removed 4 yards of debris from storm lines
- Cleaned 12 storm catch basins

Traffic Operations



- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Fabricated 23 signs
- Replaced 3 signs
- Assisted Streets Division paving 5 1/2 tons
- Banners: 1 down & 1 up
- Monitored Ralston and Hallmark traffic signal every morning this week
- Monitored Cipriani/Continental/Ralston traffic signal every morning this week
- Marked out 1 Underground Service Alert
- Delivered and picked up 50 cones and 13 barricades in three locations
- Manufactured 20 "Hazardous Waste" and 20 "Flammable Liquid" labels
- Repaired 7 streetlights



Streets Division

- Marked out 8 locations for Underground Service Alerts
- Saw cut at 1 location in front of 2585 Somerset in preparation for paving
- Dug out 3 tons of alligated asphalt in front of 2100 Ralston, compacted the base, oiled the edges, and put down 3 tons of hot asphalt applying 2 lifts
- Ground out 1.37 tons of asphalt in front of 2585 Somerset and put down 3 tons of asphalt applying 2 lifts
- Dug out 3 tons of alligated asphalt IFO 2100 Ralston Ave and put down 3 tons of hot AC in 2 lifts
- Setup sandbag filling stations for residents

PREPARING FOR THE RAINY SEASON

Water Dog Lake Dam Gates to Open November 3rd

The Public Works Maintenance Staff will open the gates at water dog lake spillway on Monday, November 3rd. The Department of Water Resources Division of Dams required the spillway gates to remain in the fully open position through April 1st. Water releases allow the rain water to be released in a measured way due to rain events, and are necessary during the rainy season to reduce possible flooding from the lake.

Residents may notice higher than normal water levels in Belmont Creek during the first 24-hours once the gate is open.

Reducing the impacts of flooding

Be proactive in preparing now for the winter season to help reduce the impacts of flooding. Here are some tips on ways you can help minimize property damage:

Leaves and storm drains

The changing of seasons from autumn to winter comes littering of tree leaves.

The City of Belmont sweeps residential streets every other week to remove leaves and debris. Fallen leaves can make their way down to storm drains, where they gather and block inlets, and create localized flooding.

Here are some ways you can help reduce the impact of localized flooding by following these simple steps:

- Move your vehicle from the street the night before your scheduled sweeping day.
- Do not blow yard debris into the roadway or gutter.
- Do not sweep leaves into piles taller than one foot.
- Place branches in the compost bin.
- Trim trees and vegetation back behind the curb, and be sure there is a vertical clearance of 14" over the roadway so the sweeper can clean to the gutter.
- If you see a storm drain blocked/covered with leaves, or localized flooding is occurring due to blockage, rake the leaves away (if you are able) and notify Public Works at 650-595-7425.

Clean property valley gutters

Valley gutters lie within a drainage easement, which are established on property plats to provide designated areas for surface run-off from private or public land to culverts and pipes, which empty into San Francisco Bay. Over time, if they are neglected, storm water exiting broken or blocked gutters could erode these areas, causing instability, creating potential mudslides.



Self-Serve Sandbag Filling Stations Available at Three Locations

With heavy rains, storm drain lines may get inundated with water and cause minor flooding. The Public Works Maintenance Crew set up 3 Do-It-Yourself sandbag filling locations to accommodate residents during the rainy season. If you need sandbags to help redirect rain water, or live in areas that regularly experience some flooding, you are strongly encouraged to pick up sandbags to prepare for possible flooding.

Residents may obtain up to 10 bags per Belmont address. Sandbag locations are supplied with sand, bags and shovels for residents to fill their own bags 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- **City Hall- One Twin Pines Lane in rear parking lot**
- **Belmont Corporation Yard- 110 Sem Lane**
- **Fire Station 15- 2701 Cipriani**





Cigarette butts are the NO. 1 item littered in Belmont

Cigarette butt/filter facts:

- Cigarette filters are made of plastic, which means they never fully biodegrade.
- Cigarette butts contain hazardous chemicals such as arsenic, lead, and cadmium, along with other toxins.
- When they are discarded on the ground, wind and rain carry them to the storm drains, where they leach these harmful chemicals into the water.

Ultimately, the butts and the chemicals they contain end up in the bay and ocean, damaging wildlife and living organisms that come in contact with, **AND....**They add to water pollution!



San Mateo County Proposing New Food Safety Sign System

A new food safety sign system is proposed to begin January 2016. Using familiar traffic light colors, green, yellow and red signs, called placards, will be displayed as a simple way for the public to see how a restaurant has scored on their food safety inspection.

San Mateo County Environmental Health Services is here to help make the transition to the proposed placards system easy. First, they want your feedback! Please attend one of the following information sessions to learn more about the proposed changes and provide feedback.

11/3/14 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm City of Pacifica
Community Center Dance Studio
540 Crespi Drive
Pacifica

11/5/14 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm
North Fair Oaks
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Redwood City Presentation in Spanish only |
La presentación será en español

11/17/14 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm
East Palo Alto City Hall Community Room
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto

11/18/14 | 8:30 – 9:30 am
San Mateo County Health System Room 100
225 37th Avenue,
San Mateo

San Mateo County Reusable Bag Ordinance Survey and Reporting Report

Overview

The San Mateo County Reusable Bag Ordinance was implemented on April 22, 2013 by most jurisdictions in the County, with a few cities opting to delay implementation until June or October 2013. San Mateo County Environmental Health staff conducted a pre-survey of thirteen retailers in various cities prior to the ordinance implementation. Retailers were again surveyed nine to thirteen months after implementation of the date their city adopted the ordinance.

Customer Data: Survey Results

Results of the surveys are shown below. Shoppers were observed near the entrances of retail stores, but were not contacted during the survey.

	Prior to Ordinance	Post Implementation
Shoppers Observed	822	1109
Percentage of Shoppers Receiving a Free Plastic/Paper Bag	76%	26% (purchased allowable bag)
Percentage of Shoppers Using Reusable Bags	13%	34%
Percentage of Shoppers Not Using Any Bag (hand carry)	23%	53%
Number of Plastic/Paper Bags Observed	1226	419 (allowable bags)
Note: Some shoppers used all three types of bags, so percentages do not total 100%		

Retailers Data:

Reporting

In accordance with San Mateo County's Reusable Bag Ordinance, retailers must keep "complete and accurate records or documents of the purchase and sale of any recycled paper bag or reusable bag by the retail establishment." Six retailers with a total of 38 retail locations in San Mateo County were requested to provide data from their store locations. Most retailers sell paper bags as an allowable bag, while some stores carry 2.25 mil plastic bags designed for reuse. Of the retailers surveyed, most conducted outreach to customers with regards to the San Mateo County's Reusable Bag Ordinance.

	Prior to Ordinance	Post Implementation
Number of Bags (Plastic and Paper) Shipped to Stores	63,379,478*	
Number of Allowable Bags Sold		10,211,088
*Note: Only 24 of 38 retailer locations reported prior to ordinance data.		

Analysis

The data shows that habits related to bag use are slowly beginning to change. There is a 162% increase of people bringing their own bags to the store since the ordinance was implemented. Before the ordinance, many shoppers often received a plastic bag for carrying purchases, with an option for a paper bag as well. There is a 66% decrease in people buying a bag that they would have normally received for free before. There was also a 130% increase in people refusing a bag altogether and hand-carrying their items. Orders for bags by retailers to supply their customers dropped approximately 84%.

Discussion

At this time in California, 98 bag ban ordinances have been approved covering 127 cities and counties. Seventy five ordinances are currently in effect covering 104 cities and counties. Of these 75 ordinances, seven jurisdictions have or are scheduled to implement a 25 cent minimum bag fee: Counties of Santa Cruz and Monterey, and cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola, Watsonville, Gonzales, and Greenfield.

On September 30, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 270, statewide legislation banning specified retailers from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer. This legislation does not impact San Mateo County's Ordinance.

The San Mateo County Reusable Bag Ordinance requires that on or after January 1, 2015, all retail establishments make a recycled paper bag or reusable bag available to customers for a minimum of 25 cents, an increase of 15 cents over the 10 cent charge that is currently in place.

The current survey data shows that more people are bringing their own bag to the store and because fewer bags are being distributed, we can assume there are fewer bags discarded in the environment. While the current charge of 10 cents per bag for purchase appears to be causing a gradual behavior change, the San Mateo County ordinance requires an increase in the bag charge to 25 cents to further discourage the purchase of allowable bags and encourage the use of reusable bags.

Parks and Recreation



V.O.I.C.E.S Volunteers at InnVision Shelter Network

Monday, October 29th, V.O.I.C.E.S. traveled to San Jose to volunteer with InnVision Shelter Network. While visiting the stabilization shelter for women and children, V.O.I.C.E.S. members enjoyed interacting with residents by serving them dinner and spent time engaging youth, completing pages of activity books the teens created and brought along. Residents thanked V.O.I.C.E.S for staying late to help clean the dining room and we thanked them for the company, smiles and experience.



Little Goblins visit and “trick-or-treat” at Sunrise Senior Living



Friday, October 24, The Belmont Community Learning Center students, staff and six parent volunteers walked to Sunrise Senior Living for a Halloween party. Students performed Halloween songs and visited with the residents while trick or treating. The residents enjoyed seeing many princesses and superheroes visit their community!

**JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION
AND COMPLIMENTARY**

**COFFEE
WITH
A COP**

**FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
7-9AM AT
DOC'S BAGELS
CARLMONT VILLAGE
SHOPPING CENTER**

STARTING ON MAY 6, 2014

CITATIONS FOR "FREE" COFFEE ISSUED!




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CARLMONT VILLAGE
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Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ November 2014 ~						Center Open Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4pm
Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
3 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Group 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	4 9:00 Mindful Meditation 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	5 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	6 9:00 Garden Club 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	7 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 BINGO 1:30 Mahjong	<i>*Some activities are drop-in, some require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R)</i>	
10 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	11  Closed for Veterans Day	12 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	13 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Birthday Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	14 9:00 AARP Smart Driver Course 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 10:00 Easy Craft Class 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:30 Ping Pong!	<i>*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595- 7444 to confirm.</i>	
17 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	18 9:00 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:00 AARP Smart Driver Course 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Senior Club Meeting 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	19 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	20 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Thanksgiving Lunch 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	21 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 Raspberry Pi 1:00 BINGO 1:30 Mahjong 2:00 Futurists 3:00 Writer's Workshop	<p>~</p> <p>Annual Holiday Craft Fair!</p> <p>Nov 22-23 Sat & Sun 10am-4pm</p> <p>~</p>	
24 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Stamp Collectors 10:00 Opinion Exchange w/ Jim Dunbar 10:00 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	25 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	26 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	 Closed for Thanksgiving			

Belmont Public Library

<div> <div>OCTOBER 2014</div> <div>At the Belmont Library</div> <div>  http://www.facebook.com/smlbelmont </div> </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>KEY</div> <div> <div>Red: Children's/Family</div> <div>Green: Teen</div> <div>Black: Adult</div> <div>Blue: All Ages</div> </div> </div>						
			<div> <div>1</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Dig, Device Petting Zoo</div> <div>3:30p Teen Gaming</div> <div>6:30p Needles & Hooks Club</div> <div>7:00p Pajama Storytime</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>2</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Toddler Storytime</div> <div>3:30p Imagination Playground</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>3</div> <div>LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</div> </div>	<div> <div>4</div> <div> <div>10:00 a SAT Practice</div> <div>10:30 a Uke Storytime</div> <div>11:00 a Imagination Playground</div> </div> </div>
<div> <div>5</div> <div> <div>11:00 a-5:00p Bookmobile at Save the Music!</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>6</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Baby Storytime</div> <div>3:30p Lego Club</div> <div>3:30p Food Tasting</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>7</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Musical Storytime</div> <div>11:00 a Imagination Playground</div> <div>3:30p Kids' Craft Club</div> <div>7:00p Lawyers in the Library</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>8</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Computer Coach</div> <div>3:30p Teen Gaming</div> <div>6:30p Needles & Hooks Club</div> <div>7:00p Pajama Storytime</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>9</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Toddler ST</div> <div>2:00p Mystery Book Group: <i>Hypothermia</i> by Arndt von Inridason</div> <div>3:30p Imagination Playground</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>10</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Pres. Storytime</div> <div>11:15 a Russian Storytime</div> <div>4:00p Science Club</div> <div>7:00p First Friday Flicks: Toy Story of Terror and Charlie Brown Halloween</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>11</div> <div></div> </div>
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<div> <div>26</div> <div> <div>11:00 a Flea Crew</div> <div>11:00 a Tricycle Fest: The Pop Ups</div> <div>3:00p Roads of Arabia Docent Lecture</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>27</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Baby Storytime</div> <div>12:30p Intl Book Grp: <i>The Double by Jose Saramago</i></div> <div>3:30p Lego Club</div> <div>3:30p Halloween Skull Craft</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>28</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Musical ST</div> <div>11:00 a Imagination Playground</div> <div>3:30p Kids' Craft Club</div> <div>7:00p Leftover Makeovers with Laura Stec</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>29</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Computer Coach</div> <div>3:30p Teen Halloween Party</div> <div>6:30p Needles & Hooks Club</div> <div>7:00p Pajama Storytime</div> <div>7:00p Borrowing eBooks</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>30</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Toddler Storytime</div> <div>3:30p Imagination Playground</div> <div>6:00p Poetry Is Celebration</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>31</div> <div> <div>10:30 a Pres. Storytime</div> <div>11:15 a Russian Storytime</div> <div>4:00p Science Club</div> <div>5:00p Library Trick or Treat</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>